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HIROKI HAYASHI, et al.)
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Filed: September 23, 2003)
For: INK CONTAINER,)
RECORDING HEAD, AND)
RECORDING DEVICE)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent 5,619,237

U.S. Patent 6,137,512

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Singapore patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Search & Examination Report (apparently prepared by the Austrian Patent Office) is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

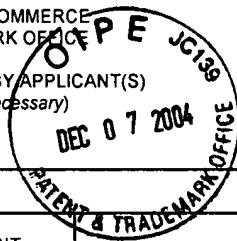


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